



Fact Sheet

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2018 COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program

The COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs.

Background

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has long demonstrated a commitment to school safety and to ensuring student success in supportive, safe environments. The COPS Office has invested more than \$900 million in American schools through previous grant programs such as Secure Our Schools, COPS in Schools, School-Based Partnerships, and the Safe Schools Initiative. In FY 2018, up to \$25 million in SVPP funding will be available to provide states, units of local government, and Indian tribes the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts to prevent violence within their communities.

Funding Provisions

The COPS Office STOP School Violence SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, and Indian tribes to be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs that may include one or more of the following:

- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence against others and self
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Any other measure that, in the determination of the director of the COPS Office, may provide a significant improvement in security

Resources

FEMA Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools Toolkit

Provides a wide variety of resources to assist schools in planning and assessments
<https://training.fema.gov/programs/emischool/el361toolkit/start.htm>

The Role of Technology in Improving K-12 School Safety (RAND Corporation)

Provides a synthesis of expert opinions and a review of the literature regarding school safety technology
https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR1400/RR1488/RAND_RR1488.pdf

A Comprehensive Report on School Safety Technology (Johns Hopkins University APL)

Comprehensive summary of what we currently know about the effectiveness of school safety technologies
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/250274.pdf>

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)

A hub of information, resources, training, and services in school safety and emergency operations planning
<https://rems.ed.gov/>

A state, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may use the award to contract with or make one or more sub-awards to local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations (excluding schools), units of local government, or tribal organizations.

Each award is two years (24 months) in duration. Each award recipient may receive a maximum federal share of \$500,000. Agencies are required to contribute a local cash match of at least 25 percent toward the total cost of the approved award project during the award period. The SVPP does not have a nonsupplanting requirement.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

How to Apply

Applicants are required to register via www.grants.gov and complete an SF-424. After submitting the SF-424, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the SVPP application through the COPS Office Online Application System. To complete the COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program application, please visit the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov and click on the “Account Access” tab in the upper right-hand corner. Applicants should then enter their username and password and select “Applications” from the Agency Portal Menu.

Applicants must submit complete application packages for the FY 2018 COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program. Hard copies or electronic copies sent via email will not be accepted.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP), please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.